

**Approved 05/10/2012**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(March 8, 2012)**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Peter Lacouture called the March meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:02pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Aker, Slater and Nievera. Ms. Caito, district treasurer, was also present, as was Ms. MacDonald. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.**

#### **Public Comment**

**There was no comment from the public.**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Ms. Caito reported the beginning balance in the district accounts to be \$235,002.58 as of January 11, 2012. Activity within the accounts brings the balance to \$336,332.36 as of February 8, 2012. Mr. Nievera has compared the report of the treasurer with the bank statements and is satisfied with its accuracy. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) accepting the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Caito stated that early quarterly disbursements have been made to the organizations.**

## **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Wilbur moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the minutes of the February 9th meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Slater then moved (Mr. Wilbur second) acceptance of the minutes of the February 23rd budget hearing and meeting. That motion also carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.**

## **Communications**

**Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reported the receipt of a letter of interest, from Mr. Cerullo, for the position of moderator at our annual meeting.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Nievera read the collector's report, after which Mr. Lacouture explained the reasoning behind the date and personnel changes to our tax sale this June.**

**Mr. Lacouture then gave a brief overview of the Annual Meeting. Keeping with last year's precedent, there will be no slide show. Rather, he will give an explanation of the administrative budget, after which the representatives of the remaining four organizations will give a short presentation of their respective budget requests. All**

representatives should be prepared to answer questions/concerns from the members present.

Mr. Aker inquired as to the pay raise for the dispatchers. He also asked several questions of the Rescue representative concerning the price paid, financing and equipment used to stock the new rescue vehicle. He commented that the Rescue Corps was the only organization that received outside monies and some of those funds could have and should have been applied to other line items in order to reduce their current budget request.

Mr. Lacouture introduced the subject of a sub-committee to meet with the Rescue Corps board to establish better communications between both organizations. It was agreed that such a committee is needed. It was also agreed to table the idea until after the annual meeting (most likely until the May meeting).

After a short discussion Mr. Wilbur moved (Mr. Aker second) reducing the abatement line item by \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lacouture stated that he had answered an e-mail from Mr. Morrissey (Exeter Town Council) concerning his question pertaining to an audit of the fire district. He replied to Mr. Morrissey that we have been in contact with our accountant and he is assembling the requested information.

Mr. Lacouture detailed the final budget request as agreed to by the commissioners and the organizations. The overall budget appropriation request is for \$1,117,154 which represents an increase

**of 3.1%.**

**EVFD#1 is asking for \$176,800. This represents an increase of 4.0% over last year's appropriation.**

**EVFC#2 is asking for \$149,900. This represents an increase of 2.7% over last year's appropriation.**

**EEDC is asking for \$329,805. This represents an increase of 6.8% over last year's appropriation and will require a 2/3 majority vote at the Annual meeting.**

**The Exeter Rescue Corps is asking for \$434,821. This represents a decrease of 2.8% from last year's appropriation.**

**The Fire District Administration is asking for \$23,828. This represents an increase of 2.9% over last year's appropriation.**

**Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) forwarding the budget requests from the organizations, as well as the budget resolutions, to the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) appointing Mr. Cerullo as moderator for the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will notify Mr. Cerullo at his earliest opportunity.**

## **New Business**

**Chief Chamberlain reported that he had recently completed a grant request for extrication equipment (Jaws of Life).**

## **Next Meeting**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 11 2012. The meeting will be held in the auditorium (Joseph Walsh Performing Arts Center) of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional Jr/Sr High School and will begin at 7:00pm.**

## **Adjournment**

**Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Wilbur second) adjournment at 8:12 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Nievera, Clerk  
Exeter Fire District**